FISCAL NOTE

HB 1002 - SB 1043

March 8, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants courts the discretion to require persons who fail to pay child support to work in a recycling center or to remove litter from state highways, public parks, or other appropriate locations instead of, or in addition to, other penalties including jail time. Any person sentenced under this provision would be allowed to complete the service at a time other than the person's regular hours of employment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes that some courts would sentence individuals to community service, as allowed in the bill, in lieu of more expensive jail time. The amount of the savings cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000. In certain jurisdictions, judges may require community service in addition to jail time and expenditures in that particular jurisdiction may increase. Assumes that the change will have no significant impact on the collection of child support payments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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